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FGUA COMPLETES LINDRICK UTILITY SYSTEM ACQUISITION

On March 10, The Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) assumed ownership and management of the Lindrick Utility System in New Port Richey, Florida. The FGUA acquired the former Aloha Utilities in February 2009 and the Consolidated Systems in December 2009 and operates other systems in Lee and Collier Counties. Customers in the newly acquired system will begin receiving their bills directly from the FGUA in April. Water and wastewater plant operations, system maintenance, meter reading, and customer service will be provided by the FGUA's contract operator, US Water Services/Wade Trim. US Water Services/Wade Trim has extensive utility system operations and maintenance experience in Florida and throughout the country. Overall management, customer advocacy, capital project management and financial services will be provided by Government Services Group, Inc., which is the System Manager for the FGUA's utility systems.

The FGUA has identified and will soon commence needed operational and capital improvements to improve water and wastewater systems. A customer advisory committee, consisting of customers in the service areas, will be organized to provide customer feedback to the FGUA regarding customer service, capital improvement plans, operational issues, and other subject matters associated with the activities of the FGUA. Contract operations, customer service, system oversight, and a FGUA customer ombudsman will operate from the existing FGUA Pasco office at 6915 Perrine Ranch Road, near New Port Richey. The customer ombudsman will monitor responsiveness, address customer concerns, and provide community outreach. The FGUA's Pasco County office may be contacted by calling (727) 372-0115.